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Catherine Curtis, Precinct 2

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— How many years have you lived in Winchester?

I have lived in Winchester since 2002. We moved here from an apartment in Brookline with our then 2 year old daughter. We have three ch

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who have gone through Winchester Public Schools (Muraco, McCall, WHS). Our youngest is a junior at WHS.

— Please describe your professional background and education.

I work at the Kennedy School evaluating government programs and communicating key research findings to a broad audience. I have a Bachelor's degree in political science and economics and a Master's in public administration.

— What Winchester town positions (appointed or elected) have you held, and for how long?

I have been a Town Meeting member for 12 years.

_ What volunteer roles have you done that made a difference in Winchester?

I was the founding president of Swim Winchester, an all-volunteer effort to build a community pool in Winchester. I'm on the Board of Porchfest, which brings free music to the porches of Winchester every June. I have volunteered in many different capacities for Winchester schools and sports teams.

— Why should I vote for you?

I am passionate about our town, our schools, and our community spaces! I'm a thoughtful and engaged member of Town Meeting. I listen to all of the facts on each issue and vote based on what I hear from town residents, not ideology. I believe in the efficient use of town resources.

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— What specific methods will you use to gather and represent your constituents' perspectives on issues that come before Town Meeting?

I spend a lot of time in town – working with various groups, walking my dog, and shopping at local businesses – so I get a lot of feedback. I follow discussions on Facebook as a starting point for finding out what issues are important or extra complicated. When there is something contentious, I make an effort to speak to residents with different opinions to hear their thoughts. I also read and respond to all of the emails I receive on Town Meeting issues.

— Transparency and communication are vital in representative government. What steps will you take to keep your constituents informed about Town Meeting decisions and to explain your voting rationale?

I talk to people in town about Town Meeting issues to help them understand how I vote. When people have concerns about specific issues, I keep them informed by email.

— Town Meeting decides three major things: It sets the salaries for the elected officials, votes to appropriate money to run the town, and votes on the town's local statutes, which are called by-laws. How do you plan to evaluate and make decisions on budgetary allocations to ensure fiscal responsibility while meeting the town's needs?

I rely on FinCom's guidance since they are experts and review expenditures closely.

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Write-in votes, Winchester election results now final

Election 2025 is now over. The results from the March 22 townwide elections have been certified by the Town Clerk's office. Town Clerk MaryEllen Marshall released the final numbers March 27, with 17.3% of Winchester residents casting a vote in the election, or 2,951 votes, out of

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Newcomers win spots on Winchester Select Board, School Committee

It was the perfect Election Day — warm and sunny, with a steady stream of residents going into Winchester High School to cast their ballots. Preliminary results for the March 22 townwide election show 17.2 % of residents voted on Saturday. That's 2,933 votes cast, out of the town'

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races for Select Board and School Committee alongside an unexpected development — two write-in candidates vying for a Planning Board seat that initially have no contenders on the ballot. The March 22 election will take place at Winchester High

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Sure, the townwide election is just days away, but Frattaroli is running unopposed for the seat being vacated by Heather von Mering, who has been in the role since March 2020. “I decided to take it

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Celebrate Women’s History Month with Girls Leading Change

The following was submitted by the Network for Social Justice: To mark Women’s History Month and International Women’s Day in 2026, the Network for Social Justice is collaborating with club leaders from Winchester High School and members of the Community Health team from La Colaborativa in Chelsea and

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Winchester School Committee candidates bring contrasting backgrounds to Thursday forum

Two candidates for Winchester’s School Committee will face voters at a forum as the district navigates a new literacy curriculum, budget pressures and questions about student mental health. Heather von Mering and John Bellaire are competing for an open seat on the School Committee, which oversees a budget von

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‘Chicago: Teen Edition’ dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents “Chicago: Teen Edition,” a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. This iconic production is set in the 1920s. Performances will take place on March 13 and 14

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Ripley Chapel in Winchester presents ‘Syldason: You Are Welcome Here’

The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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